exempt it from various restrictions like load-shedding etc., and maintain proper voltage level.

Limiting Losses and Subsidies at Chemicals & Fertilizers and Pesticides

5503. DR. R. MALLU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to limit losses and subsidies on chemical fertilizers and pesticides;

(b) if so, the details of lossed and subsidies direct and indirect thereon, during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the development and use of wide-range of non-chemical alternatives to these pesticides which are now being widely used in USA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to adopt the latest technology in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). Government is concerned about mounting subsidy bill. The subsidy paid on chemical fertilizers, including the loss (under recovery) suffered on sale of imported fertilizers at statutorily notified prices during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 was Rs. 3200.70 crores, Rs. 4542.10 crores and Rs. 4389.06 crores, respectively.

As regards pesticides, the subsidy extended by the Central Government to various States/Union Territories for implementing a scheme during the last three years is given below:

Year	*Administrative approval accorded (Rs. in lakhs)*	*Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)*
1988-89	414	200
1989-90	298	420
1990-91	150	135
TOTAL :	862	755

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Use of non-chemical fertilizers and pesticides is evoking keen interest in many countries of the world. To reduce consumption of chemical fertilizers, the use of bio-fertilizers is being encouraged through a Central sector scheme. Adoption of integrated pest management based on cultural practices, biological and mechanical interventions and minimum use of chemical pesticides is being accorded high priority.

[*Translation*]

Assistance for Earthquake affected areas of U.P.

5504. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: